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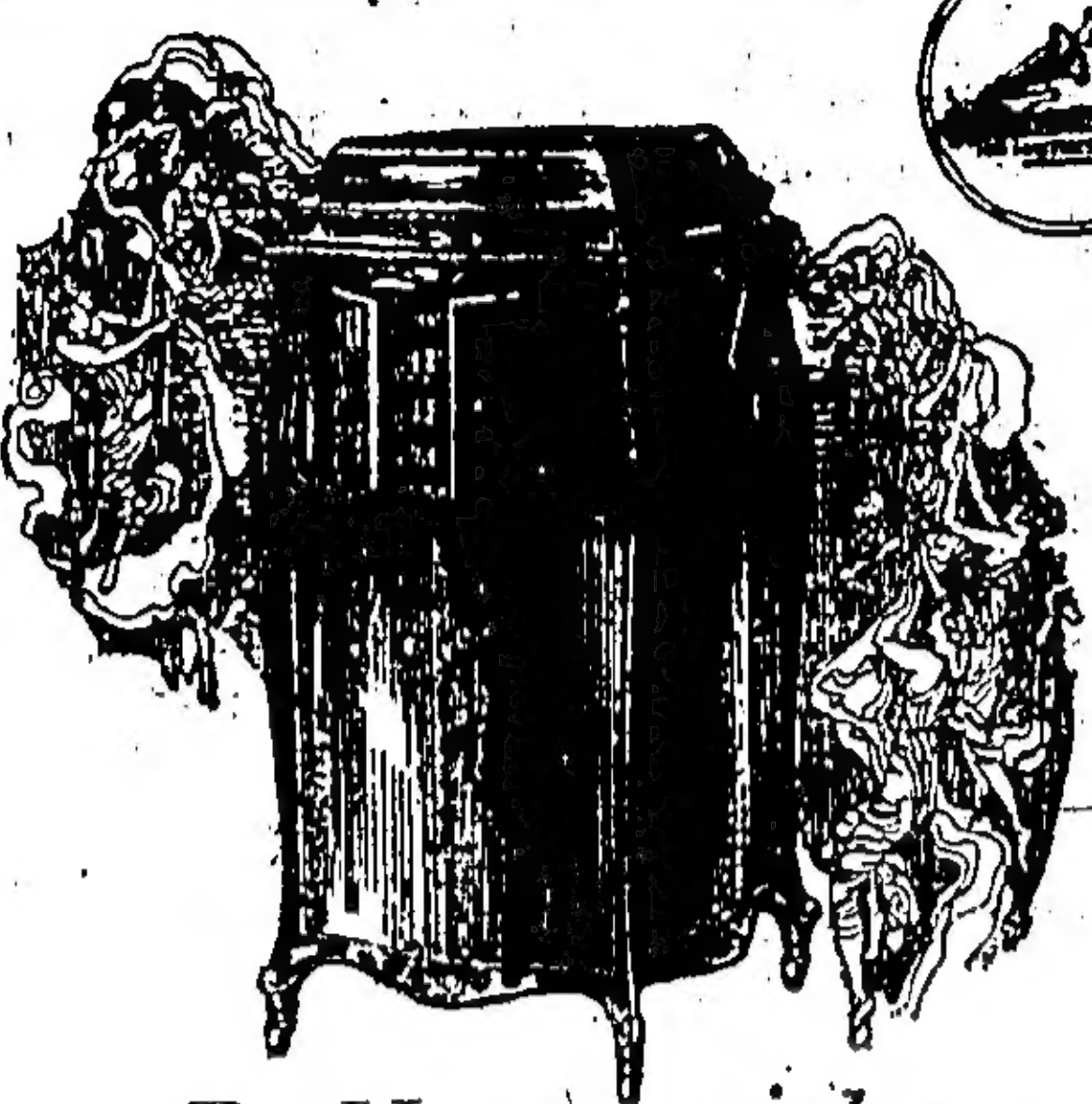


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### EXPERTS' COMMITTEE

#### "COMMONSENSE CROWNED KING."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, January 14.  
The Experts' Committee dealing with German Currency, met at 11 this morning in the presence of the Reparations Commission. M. Barthou made a speech of welcome. General Dawes, in replying on behalf of the committee, said, "the success of the committee depends chiefly whether in the public mind and conscience the allies and the world have an adequate conception of the great disaster facing each ally and Europe unless commonsense is crowned king."

#### LATER.

At the Experts' Committee M. Barthou in a speech said the Reparations Commission would place at the disposal of the experts all necessary documents. "The experts would control their method of procedure and would hear Germany in a form which appeared to the common good that her Government will facilitate their arduous complex task." It was necessary that results should be reached for the pacific equilibrium of the whole world which depended upon the Reparations Settlement Commission. He rejoiced in American co-operation, and asked General Dawes to accept the presidency of the committee. General Dawes in replying pointed out that the committee was not asked to determine the legality of the occupation of the Ruhr.

#### LITTLE ENTENTE

#### ATTITUDE TOWARDS ALLIES.

BELGRADE, January 14.  
The Little Entente will subordinate its action in regard to the re-establishment of relations with Soviet Russia to the attitude of the principal Allies and in the event of the recognition of Russia by Britain and Italy it will leave each of its members free to act as the special circumstances warrant. It was emphasised at the conference that the Little Entente is not seeking in any way to form a continental barrier against the policy of Britain and that an exchange of views at the conference in regard to a Hungarian loan paved the way for final deliberations in London on January 16.

#### EMPIRE TRADE

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIONS.

LONDON, January 14.  
The Association of British Chambers of Commerce have sent a letter to Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald expressing grave concern, in regard to any delay in the ratification of the economic and financial arrangements made at the Imperial Conference. The Association believe that the resolutions of the conference, if carried into effect, will assist the development of trade in the Empire and the relief of unemployment, at home. Therefore they hope their addresses will assist in the ratification of the arrangements reached at the conference.

#### LABOUR POLICY.

#### FIRM PLANKS.

LONDON, January 14.  
Mr. Scott Duckers who was a prominent conscientious objector during the war in a speech in London said that the Labour foreign policy settled that no more money would be voted for the Singapore policy. The Labour Government would include the fullest possible reparations from Germany, a powerful navy, a well paid, efficient army, and, failing a satisfactory understanding with France, a largely increased air force.

#### LABOUR AND GOVERNMENT.

#### FATEFUL DIVISION COMING.

LONDON, January 15.  
A ballot of the Yorkshire and Northumberland Miners overwhelmingly favours a termination of the National wages agreement. The possibility of a railway strike is disquieting Labour circles but not altered the decision of the Labour Leaders to take office nor caused the Liberal Leaders to reconsider their determination to assist the defeat of the Government. It is now anticipated the fateful division will be on Monday.

#### LONDON EXCHANGE MARKET.

#### WILD CURRENCY MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, January 14.  
The London exchange market to-day was wild and there were extraordinary movements in the leading currencies. Sterling on New York was at 4/23 due to a growing disposition to increase holdings in dollars and dollar securities. French francs were at 97/40. This is attributed to the large expansion of French Government loans and currency. Saturday's rates were respectively 4/26 3/4 and 91.

#### "ANZAC" DAY.

#### NOVEL CEREMONY.

MELBOURNE, January 15.  
The British Special Service Squadron and the warships of the Australian fleet will witness the spectacular sinking of the battleship "Australia" outside Sydney heads on Anzac Day, April 25. The scrapping accords with the Washington agreement.

### COLOGNE CONDITIONS.

#### ENGLISH VIEWS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 15.  
Reuter understands that the British Government has informed the French Government that it does not object to the despatch of two French officials to Cologne to enquire into conditions there, provided the same facilities were given to Mr. Clive, the British Consul General at Munich for a similar mission to the Palatinate, but has pointed out that already a score of French officials in the British area are fully free to study and report on the situation. The British view is that the Rhineland High Commission has no power to recognise a Separatist movement in the Palatinate, and people in the Palatinate, if they wish to break away from Germany, have machinery in the Weimar Constitution whereby only a one third vote is necessary for holding a plebiscite thereabout.

#### LATER.

It is understood that Mr. Tirard, president of the Inter Allied High Commission has chosen as his Secretary Mr. Pilliod to accompany Mr. Clive and has also asked Lt. Colonel Ritchie to proceed to Cologne to enquire with regard to secret organizations whose activities the French allege have led to bloodshed in the French zone, particularly in the Bonn district.

#### IN SHEFFIELD.

#### CHINESE MISSION ENTERTAINED.

LONDON, January 14.  
The Chinese Commercial Mission were the guests of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and spent a busy instructive day at the Vickers steel works, where they saw armament making; also Edgar Allen's and Arthur Balfour's. The Mission luncheoned at Vickers, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce presiding. Birmingham is to be omitted among the places to be visited owing to the brevity of the Mission's stay in Great Britain, but Mr. C. F. Ho of the Ministry of Communications has arrived and is visiting large works, including the Metropolitan Carriage Wagon Company and the Belliss Morcoms, Austin, and Wolseley motor works.

#### ZAGLUL REJOICES.

#### EGYPTIAN ELECTION RESULTS.

CAIRO, January 14.  
The official election results are—Zaglulists, 150; Liberal Constitutionalists, 14; Watanists, 2; Independents, 4. Forty-one constituencies will vote again on January 17 owing to candidates failing to obtain the requisite majorities. The Zaglulists expect to win most of these seats. Zaglul, in a manifesto, rejecting at the "splendid victory of patriotic Egyptians," says that although many chose a different course and acted wrongfully he is prepared to welcome them back. Externally Egypt is united in demanding complete independence—internally the Egyptians are free to differ.

#### EMPIRE CRUISE.

#### ZANZIBAR NATIVES IMPRESSED.

ZANZIBAR, January 14.  
The Sultan and crowds of Europeans and natives watched the arrival of the Empire cruise battle cruisers. A detachment from each ship marched through the streets which were gallily bedecked with flags and palms. Thousands of natives witnessed the march past, the Sultan taking the salute. The natives who were allowed to visit the ships were speechless with amazement at the magnitude of the cruisers and the size of the guns.

#### JAPANESE ENTERTAINED.

#### AUSTRALIAN WELCOME.

MELBOURNE, January 14.  
Cordial speeches were made at the banquet which the Federal Ministry gave in honour of Vice Admiral Saito and officers of the visiting Japanese Squadron. Admiral Saito at Dr. Page's suggestion, requested Japan to send to the Australian war museum a souvenir of the scrapped warship "Abaki" which conveyed the first Australian troops to the war front.

#### LITHUANIAN PROBLEMS.

#### AMERICAN'S OFFER.

GENEVA, January 15.  
Mr. Norman Davis ex-acting State Secretary of the United States has notified the League of Nations of his willingness to accept the Presidency of the Memel Commission which will investigate means to terminate the difficulties among allied powers and Lithuania as regards Memel territories.

#### FRANCE'S FALL.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

PARIS, January 18.  
The government is drafting measures to terminate the fall of the franc. Parliamentary support is assured and the commercial exchange has decided not to issue quotations for the time being with a view to preventing disorganisation of the markets.

#### CRICKET "DOWN UNDER."

#### NEW SOUTH WALES WIN EASILY.

SYDNEY, January 14.  
New South Wales beat South Australia by an innings and 104 runs. South Australia's scores were 383 (V. Richardson, 135) and 109 (Everett, 64) wickets for 34. The New South Wales innings realised 684 of which Kippax contributed 248.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED & FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on FRIDAY, 1st February 1924, at 12 O'clock NOON for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 8th, 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 18th January to MONDAY, 28th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

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The remaining 4,000 shares to be issued at the present time, ranking equally with these already subscribed, are now offered for Public Subscription, payable as to \$2.50 per share on application. The balance due on each share (\$7.50) will be called up on allotment. The unissued Capital of the Company will be issued at such time or times and on such terms as the Directors shall determine.

## Directors:

CHARLES EDWARD HAINELL BEAVIS, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.  
CHAN PER CHUN, No. 34, Bonham Strand West, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.  
CHAP YUE TENG, No. 16, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.  
CARL BRADLEY SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Engineer.  
EDWARD DEAR SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Architect.  
WONG KWOK SHUN, No. 169, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.  
One further Director will be appointed by the Board after allotment.

## Bankers:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

## Auditors:

MESSIEURS LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong.

## Solicitors:

MESSIEURS WILKINSON & GRIST,  
No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

## Registered Office of the Company:

China Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

## PROSPECTUS.

(a) The recent remarkable developments in building in this Colony have resulted in a demand for labour and building materials that has been unprecedented. Increased costs, consequent upon such demand, necessitate the adoption, where possible, of means whereby not only may labour be saved but materials produced both quickly and economically. This Company is formed mainly for the purpose of providing plaster and gypsum products which are required in the construction of every building from the small house to the largest block of modern offices. "Simplex Plaster," which the Company proposes to manufacture in this Colony, is manufactured by a special process, and is at present only obtainable from abroad, and the Promoters are confident that it can be manufactured here and sold for a price considerably below that which the commodity commands in Hongkong at the present time. This plaster is now extensively used in building in this Colony, and is in fact, as experience has shown, extremely beneficial in the Far East and particularly in Hongkong, for it is impervious to white ants, does not chip owing to damp, and is practically fireproof, remaining unbroken and unaffected by heat unless of a temperature of 250 to 300 degrees centigrade.

(b) The Company has acquired as a going concern that branch of the business of The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, which has been engaged in the manufacture of "Simplex Plaster." The purchase includes a piece of land of an approximate area of 41,000 square feet situated at Tsau Wan, together with the buildings, plant, machinery and equipment thereof, the machinery being already assembled for the commencement of manufacture. The purchase price will be paid and satisfied by the allotment of 15,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Furthermore the agreement with the Vendors provides that the Vendors will place with the Company all further orders for the supply of plaster required by the Vendors.

The Contract for the acquisition of this business is dated the 4th day of January, 1924, and is made between The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, of the one part and Denis Henry Blake as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of the Contract can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(c) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(d) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(e) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.00.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 500 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$600.00 per annum.

(g) The Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to this Prospectus, and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$2.50 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and Forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, The International Banking Corporation, and at the Registered Office of the Company.

Dated the 8th day of January, 1924.

## INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1924.

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## MAM WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

During 1922 over 12,000,000 trees were planted in New Zealand.

Fruit trees are to be planted along the highways of Walthamstow.

The price of standard grade flour has been reduced by 1s. to 39s. in London.

Viscount Lascelles has one of the best Guernsey herds in England at Goldborough Hall.

Two doctors have died at Prague from foot-and-mouth disease, which they were investigating.

For placing lighted paper to a cat's fur a boy named Thomas Miller was fined £10 at Glasgow.

We regret to record the death from heart failure of Mr. Louis Calvert, the well-known Shakespearean actor.

There was a profit of £2,200 on this year's Yorkshire show at Sheffield. Next year's show will be held at York.

An order for 1,000,000 jute bags for grain at a cost of £20,000 has been placed in Dundee by the Russian Government.

A London visitor named W. A. Theobald was taken ill while bathing at Torquay and died when helped out of the sea.

There was much rejoicing on Ellis Island among some 400 English, Scottish, and Irish immigrants when it was announced that the British July quota was not only not exhausted but was about 500 short of the full number.

Despatches from India state that according to the extremist Press the Akalis are preparing to start an agitation against the abdication of the Maharaja of Nabha. Violent revolutionary speeches are being delivered in the Golden Temple at Amritsar.

Shooting off the tides for The Daily Telegraph Cup at Biscay, Captain H. Renwick and O.M.S. F. Biles tied again with 14 points, while Major T. Sutton scored 13. In the final shoot off Capt. Renwick got an inner, and O.M.S. Biles a magpie. Capt. Renwick thus won the cup.

The Canadian Government have just secured a lease of the Union Club on the Cockspur-street corner of Trafalgar square as their London headquarters. As various alterations have to be made the Dominion representatives in London cannot enter into occupation before next March.

At Lewes Assizes, Edith Emily Swann, indicted in connection with the Littlehampton mystery letters, was found guilty of maliciously publishing a defamatory libel concerning the local sanitary inspector, and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Considerable surprise is expressed in official circles in Australia at the delay in completing the licence to the Marconi Company for an English wireless station capable of direct communication with the proposed Australian high-power station. A prominent Federal Parliamentary suggests that vested interests and red tape were still operating.



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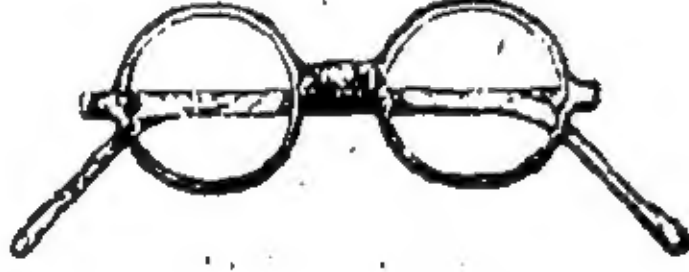
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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG TUESDAY, JAN. 15, 1924.

## HERE'S SUCCESS!

Dreams often come true, however far away they sometimes seem, also lacked to-day many wonders that were once deemed utterly impossible. One dream that everybody hopes will come true, and that right speedily, is Sir Robert Ho Tung's dream of a united China. Many others share this same dream, but they are idle dreamers. Either they are powerless to intervene or they are pursuing selfish ends. Among those who would take action gladly if they could are China's many warm foreign friends. These must remain largely inactive, however, because their efforts would almost certainly wreck the round table conference plan, being misinterpreted for selfish motives, such as the distrust abroad in China to-day. Then there are leading Chinese who might help. Omitting the rival war lords, who are too busy scheming their own ends; who are too confident that they can solve the problem by conquest for their own glory; who are anyway too deeply involved in ancient feuds for their actions to be above suspicion now—omitting these stormy petrels, there remain many patriots who would openly champion the unity

over, thanks to his unflinching patience and tact, he is now planning the still greater triumph of getting the leaders together. Once this is done—and done it will be in the next two years, he avers, even if it shortens his life five years—then half the battle is won. With that we can all agree. Assembled in conference, China's leaders should be more amenable to a little give and take than they are now, ruling supreme in their own particular fastnesses. Should any prove unyielding, however, they must give their reasons for all to hear; and according to the tale they tell shall they stand damned or acquitted in that public opinion now quietly but steadily growing in China. Although this momentous conference is still largely a dream—but a practical dream, let us hope—it is not too soon even now to recognise the unselfish labours of Sir Robert Ho Tung and to trust that when the meeting does take place it will be held in Hongkong, not merely because the Colony is a neutral spot, but more because it is the home of the man who will have made the conference possible—a fitting compliment which could only be capped by making that same man Chairman, thus at once putting a seal on his unselfish labours and paying him a lasting tribute for a task as great as any in the world to-day.

## Pluck.

Mr. John Drinkwater who is a poet says that few people have the pluck to sit in a third-class carriage and read the Bible. "We quite believe it. No golfer, whatever his handicap, would have the pluck to sit in a first-class carriage in a train bound for Fanning and read the Bible, although we believe the first reference to golf is to be found within its pages. A golfer has the pluck to wear what are called "plush-fours," but at that his supply of pluck ceases, as well it might. This matter of pluck can be variously applied. It would be pluck for an ordinary Scotsman—we admit there are extraordinary ones as well, to admit that Haggis or porridge are ghastly things; for an American to admit that his country did not win the war; for writers of letters to the paper to sign their names to them; for those who make speeches to speak the truth as they know it; for ladies to be truthful regarding their age; and married men to give the reasons that retard their home-coming. It would be sheer pluck for our Compromisers to admit that their profits are enormous; and for our landlords to admit that they increase rents for the sheer delight it gives them. Our volunteers would also display a measure of pluck in admitting that they find no enjoyment in drills, and for the generality of us to agree that whatever we earn is more than we deserve. It would be pluck for professional Christians to preach (and practice) the pure undiluted tenets of Christianity. But there is no earthly reason why these alleged manifestations of pluck should be exhibited. Life is dull enough without adding one more to its round of senseless imitations, reducing us all to the level of uninteresting Robots.

The President of the British Association was reported to have said that "the heat of the sun will still last a hundred million years." It turns out now that he really said "a thousand million years." Thank God! We breathe again! But fancy frightening people like that!

Pianists in flats generally have the latest melody.

Many marriages that start happily, end, happily for both parties.

A scientist speaks of a vaccine to enable people to go through all forms of exertions without fatigue. These scientists make one tired.

France fears that peace with Germany will be peace with a vengeance.

The Month of Presents D—December.

From what we read of the new impositions we come to the conclusion that Canton is much over-rated.

Ready-made phrases are used to express second-hand ideas.

We have not EXAGGERATION. heard this so well put as in the following sketch:—  
American—(picking up a big melon) "Say, is this the biggest apple you've got?"  
London Coterie—"Here governor, jest you put that bloomin' gripe down."

**TRUE.** A woman weeps for three reasons: delight, disappointment, and deception.

**STOCKS.** The occurrence of yet another armed robbery leads us to wonder why the imposition of Stocks as part punishment was abolished. Not so very long ago these were a fairly common sight, but whether they served any useful purpose or not, the Police are probably best able to tell us. They certainly meant a little trouble and supervision by a constable who might perhaps have been more profitably employed. But there is one side of the question which seems worthy of a little attention. How often cases tried in the Courts are reported in the Chinese papers we know not. How many Chinese read their own vernacular papers we know not. Stocks in the public streets would be seen by thousands of Chinese and the lesson that law-breaking brings with it its own punishment brought home very vividly.

**NAMED.** She—"What would you call a man who hid behind a woman's skirts?" He: "A magician."

**DAYLIGHT SAVING.** An Irish view of Daylight Saving:—"We discussed the Daylight Saving Bill—which then either impended or had been imposed, I forget which—with Mag Darragh, the gentle ruler of the kitchen, an old woman, with a profile fine and delicate as that of an Empress on a Roman coin, and a hood of wavy grey hair, and deep eyes, in which humour and melancholy contended now one, now the other, having the mastery."

**GOLF.** The Lord save us, would they have people to rise in the dark? said Mag Darragh. "It's a pity they wouldn't leave the time as God made it." To which the voice of an underling responded, plaintively, "We'll have to get new clocks!"

**A COMMON CUSTOM.** Golf is not mentioned in the Bible, though we learn of Jesus that he drove furiously.

**CANTON ART.** There is something good to be said for these Canton generals after all. We read of one "who is a favourite of arts and paintings" and who is holding an exhibition of fine writing, painting, and other fine arts. We wish General Chan Tin-tai, "Commander of the Third Division under the direct Command of the General Headquarters" every success—that is in his artistic efforts. When we know what he is fighting for we shall be willing to express our sentiments accordingly. In his artistic pursuits we are on sure ground in saying what we feel.

**MERIT.** Lord Morley's death has created a vacancy in the membership of the Order of Merit. Someone has suggested that the honour should be given to the member of the P.W.D. staff in charge of the Queens Road alterations.

**ALL SCOTCH.** A kiss and a drink of water is but a wersh disguise. A man is of little use when his wife's a widow.

**A TOOM POCH.** Goes quickly through the market. You may drive the devil into a wife, but ye'll ne'er drag him out o' her. The Scot will not fight till he sees his ain bluid.

**A DOG'S LIFE.** Muckle ease an' muckle hunger. The bones of a great estate are worth picking. As saint mak's twenty sinners. There's baith at un' music here, quo' the dog, when he ate the pipers bag. Better play for naething than work for naething. He blushes like a beggar at a bawbee.

**VENGEANCE.** "When Tina man began Robbie after a stormy interview with his father. "What will you do" asked his mother. "I'll name my boy after papa—and oh! how I'll spank him."

**MAH JONGG.** Suddenly into has sprung too to have remarked precisely the direction from which it came: whether from China eastwards, and crossed to Europe with millonaires on the Transatlantic, is most believe; or whether, as a more romantic story has it, it reached England direct, through an irony of certain Mandarins. An English merchant, this legend says, saved three Chinese clients from a handi general in Peking. In gratitude he was offered either a thousand pounds' worth of silk or an initiation in the "secret and noble game of Mah Jongg." He chose the silk; but longed to satisfy his curiosity as well. The Mandarins consenting, he was taught the delectable mystery; and on the first night lost the value of the silk he had been given.

**PRIZES.** The example set by the Diocesan Boys School in not awarding prizes, but making the fact of winning, the main thing, is being followed, if we are to judge by the remarks made by the Headmaster of the Central British School at its Sports meeting. Who that knows the acquisitive spirit that is about but will applaud this move. The ordinary prize is but a transient cheap thing of scarcely any value—material or spiritual. A walk up Wellington St. and day will show where the book prizes go.

**COMPTON.** Mackenzie appears to us to be amongst the most interesting of the many writers whose books are worth reading. We mentioned his latest to probably Hongkong's "best read" man but were rebuffed with the remark that he had no time for Compton. "The Parson's Progress" will have its appeal mainly to those who know something of clerical life in the Established Church—the many cults and phases of Church life which find a place under the big umbrella of the Church of England. Mackenzie's sketches are finely done and his characterisations true to life. For one thing, Mackenzie has not stuck to one idea in his writing of books. We are accustomed to Hardy and his Wessex, Conrad and his Malaya, and Phillips and his Dartmoor but we find that when they depart from their favourite scenes and exploit other avenues, they somehow lose something of their original grandeur. Not so Mackenzie. Some swear by his "Carnival" and others by his "Passionate Elopement," whilst we ourselves consider "Sinister Street" a brilliant study. These are obviously diversified books. But Compton has in addition, given us "Rich Relations" and "Poor Relations," and we feel that when he gets out of that very agreeable habit of packing his books with a veritable wealth of matter, he will write a book that will stamp him as at the very top of the ladder of literature.

**POOR GIRL!** Her eyes were red. Bloody almost. But they were bold—fearless. She had not been weeping. Her mouth was a pitiful sight. One time—enticing, pretty. Now—horribly discoloured. Poor girl! Courageous as she was one could but sympathise. You see, she was just an absent-minded flapper. Who had eyed-pencilled Her mouth and Lip-sticked her eyes.

**To-day's Poems.**  
"Art I were king,  
"Art could aspire, yet ugliness be  
dear;  
Beauty, the shaft, should speed  
with wit for feather;  
And love, sweet love, should never  
fall to mere—  
If I were king.  
—W. B. HENLEY.

## WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 15.

1500. Through great tempest of winds being at the southwest, which began the 15. of January, and continued till the 20. of the same, Philip King of Castile and his wife were weather driven, and landed at Falmouth in England; as they were passing on the 11. of January out of Flanders toward Spain.—*Slow.*

1602. It is a fast day ordered by the Parliament, to pray for more reasonable weather, it having hitherto been summer weather, that it is, both as to warmth and every other thing, just as if it were the middle of May or June, which do threaten a plague (as all men think) to follow.—*Pepys.*

## GREAT MEN.

Great men are the fire-pillars in this dark pilgrimage of mankind; they stand as heavenly signs, ever-living witnesses of what has been, prophetic tokens of what still may be, the revealed embodied possibilities of human nature. —CAREY.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 15.—Coronet Theatre: "The Birth of a Nation."  
January 15.—Star Theatre: Douglas Fairbanks in "His Majesty The American."  
January 15.—World Theatre: Bebe Daniels in "A Game Chicken."  
January 15.—Grand Theatre: Tigrane Serbelloni in songs and dances; fight film.

## HONGKONG EDUCATION.

## MR. IRVING DEFINITELY RETIRING.

STATEMENT TO THE "CHINA MAIL."

"Mr Irving has been permitted to take his pension on the completion of the leave due to him and will not be returning to the Colony."

This statement was made to a *China Mail* reporter yesterday by the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education.

Interviewed last Thursday by a *China Mail* reporter regarding the reported impending retirement of Mr. Irving, and the rumours concerning supposed successors, Sir Claud Severn, the Colonial Secretary, stated that Mr. Irving was not resigning. He was merely going home on leave in February. The question of his substitute was being discussed. Whether or not Mr. Irving would retire will be considered by the Government, but for official information at present, Mr. Irving is going on leave. Questions regarding possible changes in the status of the Education Board vis-a-vis the Director of Education did not therefore arise. Since Sir Claud Severn made this statement, the Government has evidently come to a decision regarding Mr. Irving's retirement, and the public will now await with much interest the Government's further decision regarding Mr. Irving's successor, as Mr. Irving mentioned to our representative yesterday that so far as he knew, his successor had not yet been appointed.

## Mr. Irving's Career.

Mr. Irving, who will be 54 next July, began his civil service career in the Federated Malay States, taking up his first appointment, as Junior officer, Perak, in 1891. Ten years later, on April 30th 1901, he arrived in Hongkong to take up the post of Inspector of Schools, becoming acting Registrar General and a member of the Legislative Council four years later. In 1909 Mr. Irving resumed duty as Inspector of Schools, the title being changed the same year to Director of Education. For two or three months of 1910 he again became acting Registrar with a seat on the Legislative Council and later on he acted as first Police Magistrate. In 1913 his appointment was raised to first class as cable censor and for two or three months in 1918 he was attached to the military commission at Vladivostok. For his work in organising the censorship there he received the thanks of Major-General Knox, C.M.G. the head of the Mission. Mr. Irving was appointed a member of the Legislative Council in April, 1920, and served on the University Commission.

## A WOMAN SCORNED.

## OUTSIDE THE OFFICE WINDOW.

We are not particularly blessed with peace and quiet during the throes of our literary labours, but adapting ourselves to the turmoil of Wyndham Street we get along somehow. After years of application we become oblivious to the raucous cries of the hawkers and the vituperations of the perspiring chair coolies.

This morning, however, we paused for a moment to attempt to elucidate the meaning of a real row—only that little word "row" can aptly describe what it was. Just outside the office window eight women coolies were venting their wrath in unmistakable language upon a solitary blighted male. Each one in turn jabbed at the unfortunate with a bamboo pole accompanying her gesture with a fresh flow of—well, we were sure they were swear words, they came so easily.

The mere male took the matter philosophically and did not attempt to retaliate. After fifteen minutes bombardment, the women had spent themselves and allowed the coolie to depart, eight nasty words from eight enraged women reminding him of whatever was wrong. The gaping crowd chuckled now and again. There must have been some rare wit during the argument.

Whether the male victim of the women's frenzy was a husband of one of the aggressors we cannot say, but once again the episode served to point the truth in that oft-repeated line—Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned!

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Registrar of the Hongkong University (Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh) is to distribute the prizes at the Wah Yan English School on Monday, the 28th inst.

Those wishing to join the Hongkong Philharmonic Society should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. H. Percy, care of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. John H. Bright, Manager of the Texas Company, No. 295, the Peak, to Miss Amelia Darcey Churchward, en route from Home by the s.s. "Tango Maru," Mr. Leicester G. St. Clair Johnson, of the South British Insurance Company Hongkong, to Miss Margaret Jessie Ross, of New South Wales; Mr. John George Hooper, Sanitary Inspector, No. 29, Pokfulam Road, to Miss Esther Victoria Lyden, school-mistress, Swansea.

Sailing for London by the N.Y.K. liner "Fushimi Maru" on February 13, are Sir Robert Ho Tung, Lady Ho Tung and Miss Mary Ho Tung, to attend the British Empire Exhibition. An associate commissioner for the Hongkong Government, Sir Robert Ho Tung will also organize demonstrations. In agriculture. For this purpose he is taking to London also women and three men, mostly from his well-known farm in the New Territories.

## SOCIAL.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

January 16.—Lammert Bros., at the China Navigation S. S. Coy's Godown, West Point, 428 bags Australian flour, 11 a.m.

January 17.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, household furniture, and miscellaneous articles, 2.30 p.m.

## COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 28.—Twenty-third ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

January 28.—Thirty-sixth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices 11.15 a.m.

February 1.—One-hundred and fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.

## OTHER MEETINGS.

January 22.—Diocesan Boys' School Annual Speech Day from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

## FLOWER SHOW.

March 6.—Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual flower and vegetable show.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 6 p.m.

Exchange on London is 2/4 on Shanghai 7 1/2 %.

Sugar, rice and flour quotations will be found under Commercial Notes.

Lady Stubbs will present the prizes to the pupils of Beilios Public School on Saturday next. The function will take place at Queen's College.

Possibly owing to dissension amongst Dr. Sun's troops on the opposite bank of the river, a rifle bullet crashed through a window of the Masonic Club on the Shamoon on Saturday evening at about five o'clock, when the members of the Lodge "Star of Southern China" were beginning to assemble for the annual Installation ceremony. Happily, no one was injured.

Notices have been posted by the Hongkong Police in which a reward of \$1,000 is offered for the arrest of Charles Augustus Gardner of the International Trading Co. As announced in the *China Mail* at the time, Gardner is alleged to have absconded on December 1 with about \$40,000 obtained through purchase of some rice and peanut oil which was paid for by cheques since dishonoured. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Serious consequences have followed a street-fight on Saturday at Tai Koo, between some truck coolies and a number of bag-pickers. It is alleged that some of the latter brought into use such tools as knives and bag-needles. One of the truck-coolies has died as the result of injuries. When the police arrived on the scene, the majority of the scrappers jumped into the harbour and escaped. However, at least one of those who took part in the fight, is stated to have been arrested.



## YOUR PET CLUB.

## WHAT IT IS CALLED IN CHINESE.

"VICTORIA BATH HOUSE."  
"NINE DRAGONS PRECIOUS EMBROIDERED CLUB."

(Specially Contributed.)

Everybody uses a telephone in Hongkong, but not everybody has occasion to dip into the Chinese section of the telephone book. Here are to be found many interesting things. Glancing through the 261 pages of the new edition one finds evidence of the sustained expansion in the Colony in the many new names and the increased list of Chinese subscribers.

This year's Chinese book is practically on the same lines as its predecessor. The Chinese have no index to go by and it arranged according to number the directory would be of little use. What has been found to be of the most service is to index the thousands of names under professions, trades, etc. Banks come first in the index and they occupy four pages. A very good idea of the principal Chinese trades in Hongkong could be gathered from a perusal. Nam Pak Hong—the backbone of Chinese business houses—are listed together with those which trade with Cutch, fennel, which is still known by its old name of "Gold Mountain." In the next item are Park, Fish, Poultry, Fruit and Vegetable dealers. Side by side are exporters, the firecracker and sundry-wood merchants, up-country dealers and "foreign-country traders." Boot and shoe stores are classed together with second-hand clothes stores and tobacco goes with tea. A heading is kept for dealers in "mountain merchandise," this referring to those who deal in baskets, and articles of bamboo. Another heading which on reference inside has only one number under it, is that for purveyors of snake-meat, this being considered a Chinese delicacy of much benefit in the cold season. There must be some reason for putting department stores together with kerosene-oil and furniture shops and the same applies to jewellery stores, curio stores, makers of clocks and watches and spectacles.

Members of European associations will wonder when told that the name of their pet club as printed in Chinese can represent such as "Ground Ball Club," "Galloping Horse Ground," "Victoria Bath House," "Connaught Road Central," "Rent Company (or Club)," "Castle Road," "New Company (or Club)," "Connaught Road Central," "Hongkong Three Planks Club, North Point," "Translated literally, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club reads "Nine Dragons Precious Embroider Club, Austin Road."

European private residences are put at the very end. Just before them are Government officials' residences and in front of them are local Yamen Chinese residences are fourth from the end and before this lengthy head is "Mountain Repositories and Cemeteries," which is side by side with "Funeral and Wedding Paraphernalia Caterers and Coffin Shops."

The system for Chinese names, in the private residences section is to give the five most common surnames first. They are Chan, Li, Cheung, Wong and Ho. These are the Chinese equivalents of Smith, Brown, Robinson, etc. There are five more common surnames but the directory does not follow this principle after the first five. We find 67 numbers held by Chan, 61 Li, and only 15 by the Cheungs, Wongs number 46 and Hoes 23. Here it should be mentioned that there are two Chinese surnames both pronounced Wong but written entirely differently; one is known as the "large abdomen" Wong, the other is the "three strokes" Wong. This distinction is not due to any physical imperfections of the first man who had the surname but merely to the construction of the characters.

Of the lesser important surnames, there are 31 Leungs, 24 Laus, 22 Loes, 20 Lams and 18 Ips.

## HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club tomorrow, January 16:  
First Team v. The Submarine Flotilla, at the U.S.R.C. at 5 p.m. Club colours: E. W. Hamilton; E. G. England; G. Murray; G. H. Piercy; A. S. Hett; E. L. Sim; H. Meacock; F. C. Miller; W. Woodward; G. R. More; the Rev. N. Evans.

Second Team v. H.M.S. "Tamar," at Sookpoo at 4.45 p.m. (Bus from Cricket Club Pavilion at 4.30 p.m.) Club in colours: A. H. Roffey; W. H. Edmonds; T. Rowell; A. Bower; C. L. R. Bacher; T. R. Price; D. Lyon; S. H. Garrod; W. E. Hyde; F. Schaeppel and another.

A cable has been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Hockey Club, expressing their regret that they find it impossible to send down their team for Hockey Tests this season.

## CHINA'S ONLY HOPE.

## PROPOSED ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S PLAN.

HOPE AND FEARS FOR THE FUTURE.

Seated at a round table, symbol of his effort to bring China lasting peace, Sir Robert Ho Tung was good enough to outline his labours to a China Mail man yesterday evening. Although his project has cost him many strenuous and anxious days in the North—he is working for his great cause entirely unaided—Sir Robert yet looked very fit and alert; indeed, his face showed the greatest animation when he weighed his chances of success against the great odds besetting the path. Reviewing his past labours, Sir Robert was very hopeful.

"On the whole, I cannot complain," he said. "Almost all China's many leaders have agreed to the conference in principle. Although some people contend that I have received replies to my overtures only through courtesy, I cannot at all agree that weight is not attached to my proposal for a round table conference. I am confident that my suggestion has been thoughtfully received because several of those to whom it was addressed took some time in giving their answers. During the period they kept me waiting, I have good reason to believe, they were making private inquiries bearing upon the proposed conference. The fact that they eventually replied, accepting my invitation, speaks for itself."

"Having secured the assent of China's leaders to the proposed conference, what is your next step?" the China Mail man asked.

Sir Robert smiled. "The next step," he said, "is to induce them to meet. This I frankly admit, is no easy task. It will take a great deal of hard work. Much patience will be needed. But I am by no means gloomy; not one whit discouraged. It is a very big step to have got them to agree to the conference at all. Once get them together—"

"And then?" queried the China Mail man softly, as Sir Robert paused.

"And then half the battle is won!" His eyes sparkling and his voice vibrating, Sir Robert next exclaimed, closing the interview: "For two years I am willing to work for my plan; for two years I am willing to spare neither time nor effort, even if it shortens my life by five years! If I do not succeed within that time, then I will confess that I have finally failed. But not before!"

## THE PHILHARMONIC.

## ANOTHER CONCERT.

Several matters of importance were dealt with at the general meeting of the Philharmonic Society held last evening. Mr. Charles Gordon presided and there was an exceptionally good attendance. The resignation of Mr. T. P. M. Bevan as conductor was announced as Mr. Bevan is shortly leaving the Colony on home-leave. Mr. S. Collett was unanimously appointed conductor, Mr. G. H. Piercy accepting the office of Hon. Secretary. A report was given of the financial success of the last concert, of the proposal to have another in March, and the affiliation of the Society with the British Musical Society. Announcement was made of the possibility of producing a Gilbert and Sullivan opera in conjunction with the A.D.C.

Before rehearsal was proceeded with, Mr. C. E. H. Bevan took the opportunity to express the Society's thanks to Mr. Bevan for his whole-hearted and enthusiastic services as Conductor which had resulted in such a successful result. They appreciated what he had done and wished him a pleasant holiday. Mr. Bevan expressed thanks for the cordial way in which the remarks had been received. They had been very loyal and hard-working and the result had been a series of pleasant evenings. He commended to them Mr. Collett whom they would find an exceptionally good Conductor.

## COMMERCIAL NOTES.

## NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

Based on usual guild terms, this morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot goods," were as follows:—

Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24, rough white \$15.50, No. 24 fine white 16.40; No. 18 rough brown 14.70.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross weight for net—No. 1, Siang long white—superior, old crop, \$7.10; superior, new crop 8.50; ordinary, old crop 6.50.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton, \$2.74; Banana 2.70; Kwai Tai 2.73; White Giant 2.70; Nutmeg Orange 2.75; Kingfisher 2.30; Big Gun 2.02; C. & C. 2.77; Reinder 2.52; Malon 2.51; White Rose 2.68; 7.30.

## A JUNK.

## MR. JOHN ORIEL DISCOURSES.

(With apologies to Sir Roger de Coverley.)

Yesterday, having reason to venture to the peninsula, of Kowloon on an errand which combined business and pleasure, I was fortunate enough to encounter a gentleman whom for some months I had not seen. He is a well-known citizen of Hongkong, whose beauties he can further appreciate by residing beyond the narrow seas amongst the settlers of the foothills. In our previous meetings he had often delighted me with his shrewd observations on men and events; modern to the cut of his tie, he yet assembled his mental universe with Man as its measure. Of a rudely complexion, his pleasing stoutness seemed at variance with this doctrine; all but a few things had seemed microscopic had he served himself as their standard. But his foot-rule was humanity, that magnificent "average man," on whom so many economists and philosophers have built so many unconvincing and unphilosophic arguments for his decadence.

To John Oriel, then, the hearer needs to address no leading questions—his fortunate audience has but to listen to a discourse which flows, effortless, from the fund of his observation and experience. On this morning he was gazing fixedly at a junk beating up the wind to the East. He drew my attention to the figures of a man and woman on her poop, sculling steadily against wind and tide.

"What do they care," he asked, "for us and our thoughts? Does that rool, clinging to that Peak's forehead, mean to them anything at all? Here are science, architecture (if I may distinguish between these two) Labour and Capital defying the very Law of Gravity, while these two scull solidly into the sun of to-morrow. To them little matters save the daily food, the nightly rest, and the little world bordered by their craft. They are born, mature, marry, breed, grow old and die with no one single comprehension of the meaning of Empire except a full cargo and freedom from pirates. What are we to judge the real value of our vaunted society, who leave only a scratch on a hillside where yonder people and their like have a common trade with those ancestors who begat them, a hope for no more than their sires, no boasted progress whose imaginary goal whips round full circle while that junk sails over the same seas on the same errand, a symbol at once of man's unchanging fate and of his heroic smallness?"

As the ferry-boat shook the pier and shuddered, we were separated in the mass of homebound voyagers, and I did not see him when, still thinking of his sermon, I mounted my ricksha.

—TIMON.

## ARMS EVIL.

## DANES SENTENCED.

TWELVE MONTHS EACH.

The three young Danes belonging to the crew of the motorship "Malaya" who pleaded guilty at the Criminal Sessions last week to the unlawful possession of arms were this morning sentenced by the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) to twelve months' jail with hard labour.

The prisoners were Ole Poulsen, Georg Holte and Sigurd Thorsen. They were all defended by Mr. Campbell Prosser who last week made on their behalf an appeal for clemency.

Addressing the men this morning the Chief Justice said: "You have all pleaded guilty to being in possession of these arms and ammunition on the motorship 'Malaya.' The ship had been alongside the wharf here for some three days and was to sail on the morning that the arms were discovered. There is no evidence to show that you intended to land them here or that you had taken them on board in Hongkong. I am prepared to accept your counsel's statement that you brought the arms from Europe and I think it is most probable that you would have disposed of them as best you could. I cannot overlook the fact that you were between you possessed of 12 revolvers and a considerable amount of ammunition in this port. It is, however, the ship's first trip here and I understand that with one exception—that is you, Holte—you have not been in Hongkong before and may not have known of the drastic law now prevailing against the possession of arms here. At the same time I cannot doubt that as part of the crew of a ship you must have known that the possession of these arms was entirely illegal. Under all the circumstances I sentence you and every one of you to 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour, to run from the date of commitment by the Magistrate—that is, December 4 last."

## IN BRIEF.

## NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

## CABLES.

Sir Percy Scott has recovered.

The Zanibar natives were impressed with the Empire cruise fleet.

The Chinese Commercial Mission have been sight seeing in Sheffield.

There have been wild currency movements on the London exchange market.

Zaghlul rejoices at the "splendid victory of patriotic Egyptians" in the record voting in Egypt.

The Australian Federal Ministry has entertained the Vice-Admiral and Officers of the visiting Japanese Squadron.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce have expressed "grave concern" in regard to any delay in the ratification of the economic and financial arrangements made at the Imperial conference.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has considered the railway trouble and has adjourned pending further developments. It has decided to appoint an Emergency Committee if necessary.

According to wireless messages, the Mexican revolutionaries claim to have blockaded Tampico, and state their "Navy" is outside prohibiting all entry in and departure from the port, while military forces are threatening an early attack on the land side.

## GENERAL.

Moscow, O.—Plans for honouring the late President Harding with a memorial which it is estimated will cost not less than \$1,000,000 were revealed by Brig.-Gen. Charles E. Sawyer, in an address here.

Tokyo.—The reconstruction board has reduced the Government estimates for rehabilitation to 6,700,000,000 yen (\$3,350,000,000). This means the postponement of the Tokyo-Yokohama Canal and the Tokyo harbour works.

Mexico City.—The Department of the Interior has issued a statement formally denying rumours that President Obregon intended to resign. Enrique Colunga, the secretary said the President considered that his resignation at this time would be unparliamentary.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

## TO LET.

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## THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.00 p.m., SATURDAY February 2nd 1924, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 21st January to SATURDAY, 2nd February 1924, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG FO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th January, 1924.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE.

## PROPOSAL TO CHANGE SHIPS' NAMES.

I CHOW HONG WAH of the Canton Navigation Co., Ltd. hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership.

I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ships "Wei Shun" and "Ming Shun" of Shanghai Official number of gross tonnage about 1650 tons; register tonnage about 950 tons, heretofore owned by San Peh Co. of Shanghai, for the permission to change their names to Charles Hardouin and Paul Beau respectively and to have them registered in the new names at the Port of Hongkong as owned by the Canton Navigation Co., Ltd.

Any objections to the proposed change of names must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

## THE CANTON NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

For CHOW HONG WAH, Director.

Hongkong, January 14, 1924.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

THURSDAY, January 17, 1924, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street. One Sextant by C. J. Gann & Co. One Sextant by A. Harlan—Paris One Pair Prismatic Binoculars by Gauthier—Paris One Pair Prismatic Binoculars by "Hunt" Paris One Barograph

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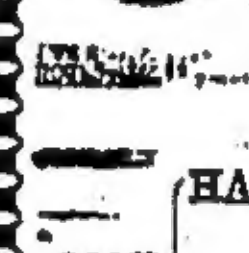
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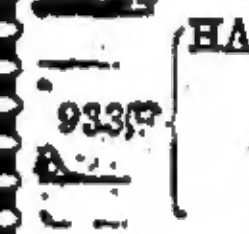
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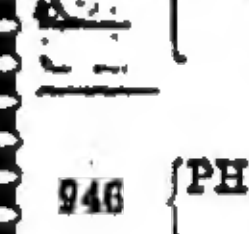
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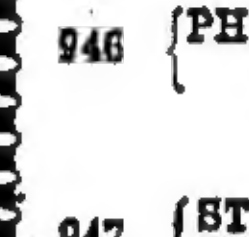
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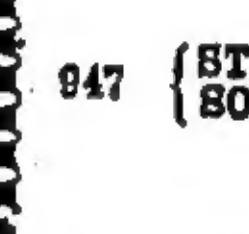
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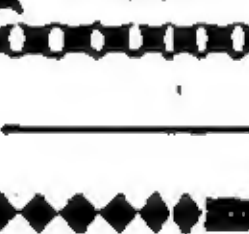


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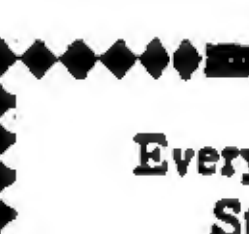
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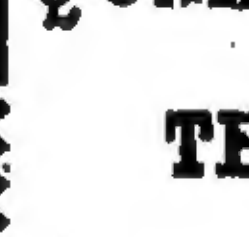
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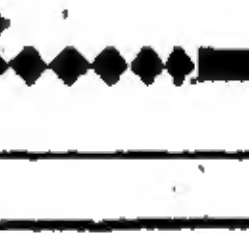


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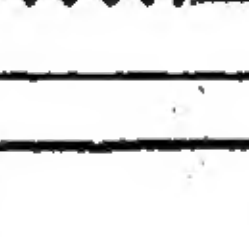


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## A DOG'S LIFE.

EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY IN KOWLOON.

[BY JOHN SINCLAIR.]

The Old Lady assured me yesterday that she had no objection to my bringing dogs into the house. I puzzled over her plural for a minute until she added casually, "Oh! it will be all right Mr. Sinclair. I have two poodles and the lady in the next room has four." Inwardly I quivered. I must have fallen in with a menagerie, not a boarding house.

I soon became aware of the "poodles." Dirty little dogs I call them. Meticulously, they are kept out of the dining room and I am able to attack my Roast Beef of Old England without one of these appalling canines looking up at me with a kind of martyr's stare, a sort of don't-be-greedy-old-man glare. For I am soon touched. I would sooner give my whole pile of corned beef and pickles to the apparently half-starved creature than have it watch my every mouthful, watch the rise and fall of the fork and then register disappointed disappointment as the crumbs fall on my lap.

All the tribe of six are very friendly with me—too friendly at times, I am afraid. It must be my kind face, though a sarcastic American young lady in Peking once told me that it was gruesome enough to frighten off the cat. This half-dog, drawn out expression, I think, is the work of years. I have the married-man look they tell me, not that I have any particular worries. It is because people misunderstand me. Appearances are always deceiving.

"George Robey" is the king of the canines at my abode. The only reason he is called George Robey, the Lady Next Door tells me, is that every time he opens his mouth he wags his ears. "George Robey" would be flattered no doubt to hear of this. The other "pods" are nameless and modestly boast no pedigree. Yes, nameless, nor connected in lineal descent to no blue-blooded race of canines, they all can eat and there is no discrimination. They don't turn up their noses unless they get down to a square meal of Pratt's dog biscuits.

Some good ladies. I know are awfully particular about bringing dogs into their "residences" in Shanghai. I know one gentleman who quarrelled with his star boarder—a regular payer and reliable chap who had been with him for ten years—just because he developed a mad passion for a dog in his declining years. And after many words during which "my poodles" and "my floors" were often mentioned, the only concession she would allow for paying guest was that, "Well, if you have set your mind on bringing the creature here, you will have to keep it in the garage." Three months later, the dog died of old poisoning and the lady left. The Old Lady took to her principles the notion of a dog and a dog's name, with more of a modicum of profit.

In Kowloon, they show an amazing tolerance of dogs in the house. Apparently they believe in the woman's saying, "there is safety in numbers." Dogs seem to have the right of the place. Even in the streets, I have seen them snarl in the face of a man's dog or in the face of a dog's dog.

## BUDDING ACTORS.

## PROMISING TALENT AT SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

Tiny tots from not more than two and a half feet in height to well grown school girls did their best to provide an entertainment at the Theatre Royal last evening for the benefit of the Victoria Diocesan Association. They did it well and the unstinted applause which they received from a big audience was fully merited and reflected much credit on the teachers and officials in charge.

The Hon. Sir Claude Sevm explained the object of the entertainment. He said that two years ago the Victoria Diocesan Association promised to try to raise \$2,000 per annum for two years towards the building of the Church of England in Nanning. For the second year about \$1,500 was still needed and a suggestion was made that the schools be asked to give an entertainment. He hoped that the proceeds would reach the desired sum and wished the organisers every success. Some of the children to be presented, Sir Claude continued, had never before appeared in public and were nervous of giving items, but he was sure the audience would enjoy the performances and the result of their efforts.

On a well selected programme, contributions were given by students of the Diocesan Boys' and Girls' Schools, St. Paul's Boys' and Girls' Schools, St. Stephen's Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Victoria Home and Orphanage.

Every item was presented with-out hitch, the pianists controlling the songs and dances and showing a creditable discretion in the dispensation of their pieces. One particular amusing number was an action song given by 40 children from St. Paul's Girls' College. It was here that probably we saw the youngest of the budding performers. There was no hesitation in their recitation of the words and action. Every word (in English) was distinct, but though the pianist strove hard to restore the children to the proper tune, they went on, gradually going down the scale and changing the key until they all finished in a deep contralto. Their effort created roars of laughter and there was an enthusiastic demand for an encore. The children had proved star artists on their first appearance.

Older girls from St. Paul's College also acquitted themselves with honour in a pretty gavotte. The Diocesan Girls' School gave a minuett, two country dances, songs and an action song "A Japanese Umbrella" which were charmingly rendered, especially, the last mentioned number. Peter Pau of the Diocesan Boys' School mystified the audience with clever conjuring tricks and also emulated the world famous Houdini. St. Paul's College jazz band filled in the interludes with the latest dance songs. A witty Chinese play "A Midnight Surprise" though a trifle long, brought applause for the St. Stephen's College. Wax works by St. Stephen's girls was another creditable item.

Physical drill and gymnastics by the Diocesan Boys' School were a feature of the evening and quite a fitting climax to an all round good programme. Precision and discipline marked the exhibition and they showed that the physical welfare of the school boys was quite as important an item as the mental education. The boys obviously, had been well trained and their efforts were an eloquent testimonial to the instruction of Staff Sgt. Hunt and the enterprise of their Principal. This exhibition should certainly not have been left until the last.

The success of the affair was deserved and it is hoped that the sum desired was gained.

The sub-committee in charge of the arrangements consisted of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone and Mr. T. S. W. Chan (the Diocesan Boys' School), Miss K. Woo (St. Paul's Girls' College) and Mr. Owen Hughes, Jr.

In addition to the sub-committee the representatives of the various schools who arranged items were: Miss Hazelard (St. Stephen's Girls' College), Mr. T. J. Price (St. Stephen's College), Miss Walters (Diocesan Girls' School), the Rev. A. D. Stewart (St. Paul's College), Miss Hollis (the Victoria Home and Orphanage) and Staff Sergeant Hunt (the Diocesan Boys' School).

## INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

The following players will represent Hongkong versus the Army on the Hongkong Football Ground to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. sharp: Messrs. Wray, Wynne, Bishop, McKelvie, Stewart (Capt.), Leilott, Charlesworth, Eaton, Johnson, Nash and Begg.

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## A PEKING DIARY.

## TRAMWAY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

January 1.

There has been great opposition, ever since the very first suggestion of a Tramway was made known. The first objections were made by the Riksha Coolies' Guild, on the grounds that thousands would be thrown out of employment; next came an outcry from the residents, and as far back as July last the following letter was published in a local newspaper:

The attempt on the part of the tramway Company to remove or mutilate the P'loons (memorial arches) of this City is one that should be fought tooth and nail by every lover of the artistic and beautiful, resident in the Capital. Other tramway Companies in other cities have adapted their systems to the monuments of the cities they worked in and why Peking Tramway system should desire better treatment than is usual in other places is not apparent.

Peking has as its attraction to the numerous tourists who visit it and who are a not inconsiderable source of income to its residents, few more beautiful or attractive monuments, its P'loons and if the Municipality cannot themselves on their own authority prevent the Tramway Company spoiling the beauties of the City it might be possible to take such action as might strengthen their hands. To have tramways at all in the historic city is bad enough but to have one that has so little regard for the beauty of the City as, to suggest the spoiling of ancient monuments to suit its truck, is a calamity that merits the strongest measures being taken. Tramways in Asia are hideous enough of themselves without seeking to destroy beautiful things and it is sincerely hoped that Peking's Municipality will see that the tramways make themselves suit Peking rather than Peking suit the tramways.

It is rumoured the objection to the tramway on the part of the ricksha coolies, was the outcome of the feud between the Tramway Company, and the Peking General Chamber of Commerce. Some prominent members of the latter considered they had a right to a certain number of free shares in the company. Moreover they objected to the personnel of the board of directors, and as a result bitterly opposed the advent, and in addition stated that ricksha coolies would be deprived of their livelihood, also that the roads in Peking were too narrow for tramway lines.

To smooth over the question of ricksha coolies and unemployment it was suggested that the Peking Tramway Company should erect two industrial plants in the capital, which would give work to the ricksha pullers thrown out through the advent of the cars. Now the Chinese Chamber of Commerce have sent out over 500 messages to jinricksha hongs in the capital instructing them not to apply for jinricksha licences, which are all due for renewal to-day. This order if effective, will effect some 40,000 jinrickshas and nearly 80,000 jinricksha pullers. The amount of the tax is 30 cents per jinricksha per month, amounting to \$12,000. The Chamber of Commerce intends to defy the police to enforce collection. This unusual type of passive resistance, amounts almost to a boycott of the line.

January 2.  
The Boy (Manchu) Emperor a few days ago missed two diamond rings which were valued at some \$12,000. Several of the servants thought to be involved in the theft were whipped, but the rings have not yet been found.  
A report is going round to the effect that the Acting Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps (The Dutch Minister, Mr. Oudendijk) intends to go to Holland and his trip through Russia cannot be accomplished, as the Soviet Mission has refused to grant the Minister a transit "Visa" in view of the absence of diplomatic relations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Holland.

January 3.  
Official reports state that the Manchu Emperor has instructed Prince Tsai Yun and Tsai Fu to present New Year greetings to the President.

There was lots of fun and revelry at the two Hotels and the Club on New Year's Eve. When the Club party broke up somewhere about 3 o'clock in the morning, many of the merry makers went on to the Hotels. The Club Ball-room was a wonderful sight, when the time came to sing the New Year. More than 100 guests in most brilliant gaily linked hands and joined in Auld Lang Syne. Supper followed, and then they voted for the best ladies and gentlemen's costume.

The prizes were presented by Lady Macleay to Mrs. E. P. Reading and Mr. D. T. Mackenzie. Mrs. E. P. Reading who wore a Mediaeval English costume, received a large and handsome sash of perfume, and Mr. Mackenzie dressed as a Highlander of the Clan Paley, a gold pencil. The American Marine Jazz Band provided music for dancing. The following were the most striking costumes—Mrs. Nazer in a Poudie dress, Mrs. Croome as an Egyptian dancer, Mrs. Frapp, as Dick Whittington, Miss Colman, in a victorian dress, Mrs. Nixon as a Folly, Mrs. Ruxton in a Turkish costume, Mrs. Williams as Death, Lady Brodon in Emerald, and Mrs. FitzHugh as a Black Folly.

Mr. Page came as a K.C.B., Mr. Coome as Beau Brummel, Mr. Lamb as a Zebra, Mr. Mills as a Korean, Capt. Min as An Executioner, and Mr. Clark as a Dutch man.

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## ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual ordinary general meeting of the Cymdeithas, Dewi Sant, Hongkong (St. David's Society) was held in the Supreme Court at 5.10 p.m. yesterday, presided over by the President Sir Wm. Rees Davies and was fairly well attended. The Committee's report on the working of the Society and the statement of accounts were read and adopted. This report covered the period from the first meeting held in Mr. J. Owen Hughes' office in June, 1922.

The following officers were elected to take office for ensuing year (from 20th March, 1924, on expiry of the terms of the present office holders).  
President: J. Owen Hughes, Esq.  
Vice-President: D. J. Lewis, Esq.  
Hon. Secretary: D. M. Richards, Esq., Kowloon British School.  
Hon. Treasurer: F. P. Williams, Esq., (Insurance Dept.), Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Committee: Mrs. Wynne Jones, Major Mince Jones, Dr. Leslie Thomas, Messrs. Campbell Frosser, H. Owen Hughes and D. Davies.

It was decided to celebrate St. David's Day (1.5.24) by holding a dinner, particulars of which will be announced later.

## IBANEZ.

The most spectacular figure on the "Fracconia" seems to have been Senor Ibanez, the Spanish novelist who is remembered principally by his "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" whereas his other novels transcend that in every respect. The Senor seems to have been an illusive bird, but a China Mail reader was on the Macao boat on Saturday on which Ibanez was also a passenger. He was introduced to the author and had a limited conversation with him due to neither knowing Esperanto. Our correspondent describes him as an undeniably intelligent looking man of sturdy and massive build, with black curly hair, keen piercing eyes, sharp beaky nose and a very ruddy olive tint complexion portraying a distinct characteristic of a native of Spain. It is well we are not all famous, otherwise our commentaries would be hard put to it to describe some of our characteristics. Senor Ibanez was entertained in Macao by His Excellency the Governor, toured the place, and returned to Hongkong on the "Patria." This will probably mean that Hongkong and Macao will figure in Ibanez's attempt at a "best-seller." We shall see.

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January 5.  
A NIGHT WITH THE LANGS.  
Entertainment of a very attractive nature is to be held at the Pelang Pavilion on Wednesday, January 16 (evening) and 17th (Matinee). The performances will be under the patronage of H.B.M. Minister, and are being arranged by locals interested in amateur dramatic enterprises for the purpose of raising funds to assist in the Peking re-establishment of the British Soldiers' Club. The entertainment is to be almost entirely of a Military character, and the full band of the regiment is coming from Tientsin for the occasion, which will include the magnificent set of silver drums which are part of the regiment's War Memorials.

January 5.  
Report of another theft from the Imperial House in the Forbidden City, is going round Peking, and this time the Manchu (Boy) Emperor, was robbed by a Foreign Musician. The Musician who is an instructor to the Emperor, was seen by one of the servants, putting two Golden Buddhas in his pocket. The matter was reported to the Guards, who searched him as he was about to leave the Palace. The Buddhas were discovered in his pocket but the Imperial Guards did not detain him. At the request of the Steward of the Imperial House the Buddhas were afterwards returned to their owner. Further details are lacking.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

An opportunity  
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**Honeysuckle Butter,**  
(Made at the Farm)  
Standing orders now being booked.

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL

SPECIAL NOTICE  
FANCY DRESS  
DINNER DANCE  
on SATURDAY, 10th January.  
Augmented Jazz Orchestra  
LATE CAR TO THE PEAK 1 a.m.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR'S EVE  
A  
GRAND CHINESE CARNIVAL  
will take place in  
GRILL ROOMS  
on MONDAY, 4th February.  
(Fancy Evening Dress Optional)  
DANCING 8 p.m. to 12 Midnight  
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Tables for above may now be booked at the Hongkong Hotel or Repulse Bay Hotels.

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## ARMS SEIZURE.

"HANOI" DISCOVERIES.  
MORE REVELATIONS PROBABLE.

Chan Chun-chau, Hung Kwai-ting and Hung Yan-wa were charged on remand, this morning, with possession of arms on the s.s. "Hanoi" on January 6.

First prisoner is said to have had two ammunition clips on him when searched by a Chinese constable. Sergeant Kirby claims that he searched second defendant's bunk and found eight revolvers and 47 rounds of ammunition in a box. A Chinese sergeant searched the third defendant's luggage which the police say includes a Chinese tea-basket in the lining of which were four loaded revolvers.

A remand was made till Monday as the first prisoner may be charged with complicity in the piracy of the steam-launch "Kango" near Amoy.

All three defendants were second class passengers on the "Hanoi".

It is also said that the first man was in the hands of the police after the "Sui An" piracy. He was brought to Hongkong from Shanghai but no charge was preferred against him.

**STORY OF SUSPICION.**  
The police on duty at the wharf, got suspicious when a number of Hakkas and Hoklos wanted to board the "Hanoi" for Kwong-chau-wan, this being considered unusual. After six men had been sent away by the police, two were later found trying to get on board an O.S.K. vessel for Swatow.

These two men were also detained in addition to the three defendants from the "Hanoi" and the twelve suspects taken into custody.

In connection with all these arrests, it is stated that victims of the "Kango" and "Sui An" piracies are being assembled with a view to identification parades.

## THE LITTLE LIST.

As some day it may happen that a victim must be found, I've made a little list—I've made a little list.

Of incontinent people who might well be underground.

For they never would be missed—they never be missed.

The donkey who of nine-times-six and eight-times-seven prates.

And stamps up with inquiries on geography and dates.

And asks for your ideas on spelling "parallelgram".

All narrow-minded people who are stingy with their jans.

And the tortoise-dodging dentist, with the forceps in his fist—

They'd none of them be missed—they'd none of them be missed.

There's the nursemaid who each evening in curl-papers, does your hair.

With an aggravating twist—she never would be missed—

And tells you that you mustn't cough or sneeze or yawn or stare.

She never would be missed—I'm sure she'd not be missed.

All those who hold that children shouldn't have too much to eat.

And think cold sweet padding a delicious birthday treat.

Who say that little girls to bed at seven should be sent.

And consider pocket-money isn't given to be spent.

And doctors who on giving you unpleasant draughts insist—

They never would be missed—they'd none of them be missed.

Then the teacher who for hours keeps you practising your scales.

With an ever-aching wrist—she never would be missed.

And children, too, who out of school are fond of telling tales.

They never would be missed—I'm sure they'd not be missed.

All people who maintain (in solemn earnest—not in joke)

That quantities of sugar-plums are bad for little folk.

And those who hold the principle, unalterably fixed.

That instruction with amusement should most carefully be mixed.

All these (and many others) I have placed upon the list.

For they never would be missed—never, never would be missed.

—W. S. GILBERT.

## THE CORONET.

## "THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

The "Birth of a Nation" is proving a big success this week at the Coronet, and the management state that all records have been broken by this wonderful film of Griffith.

Everybody knows of the picture, and it is noticeable that many people who have already seen it in other parts are visiting it again during its present run.

The next offering is the rural masterpiece, "Quincy Sawyers Adams." This is a film of every day produced in the modern fashion, which means that exaggeration and improbability have no part in the theme. The cast of stars in this production reads like a dozen ordinary pictures all rolled into one.

## PRAYA MURDER.

## PRISONER GIVES EVIDENCE.

Evidence in his own defence was given to-day at the Criminal Sessions by Ip Pat, the young Chinese who is standing his trial for the murder of a woman named Hui Wan, wife of the Kwangtung Finance Commissioner. He is accused of having shot the woman on the Praya shortly after the arrival of the "Kinshan" on the night of November 4.

In reply to questions put to him by his counsel, Mr. N. I. Brewer, the prisoner said that he got off the "Kinshan" two or three minutes after the vessel berthed. Just as he got on to the Praya he heard the report of firearms and a police whistle blowing. Then someone bumped against him and he ran to the left. Following him there were many persons running. He went under the verandah and coming to the entrance to a lane went up it thinking it would lead him to the next street.

Discovering that there was no thoroughfare he turned back and a Chinese constable arrested him. Later an Indian sergeant took charge of him and took him back to the wharf. When he inquired why he had been arrested the Indian told him he had shot someone. He was then taken in a motor car to the hospital, where he saw the woman who had been shot. She did not recognise him. He did not fire the shot which killed her.

(Proceeding.)

## MORE QUAKE IN JAPAN.

## MANY TREMORS RECORDED.

OSAKA, January 15.  
A serious earthquake occurred at 5.45 this morning around the Nagano prefecture. The centre is supposed to be at Matsumoto. It is said that the tremor was the same as the last on January 9. The damage is unknown. Tokyo was affected by a strong tremor and all telephone lines were interrupted. Only two telegraphic lines are alive between Tokyo and Osaka. Nagoya was affected by a strong tremor and Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe were slightly affected. Details are unknown.—Reuter.

## CANTON TROUBLE.

## MRS. SUN OUTS.

PEKING, January 14.  
Official dispatches from Canton state that trouble ending in fighting has again broken out between Sun Yat-sen's forces and the Yunnanese.

Mrs. Sun Yat-sen, with a lot of baggage, left Canton for Hongkong.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

## PASSENGERS.

## DEPARTURES.

For P. M. s.s. "President Wilson" on Jan. 13.—Miss A. Cogswell, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frondorf, Messrs. Frondorf, Com. U. G. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, Mr. A. L. Hager, Mr. Ip Kam Cho, Mother M. Joseph, Master Kam Yat Lam, Mr. J. J. King, Dr. J. Kirk, Mr. A. Onderweert, Mr. Pun Hang Loong, Sister Mary Paul, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Preston, Mr. P. J. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Soter, Messrs. G. M. Turner, Ting Tung, Wm. H. Bivell, Mr. Borker, Mr. and Mrs. B. Boyce, Mrs. Chin See, Messrs. Choy Shih, Chai Fook, Chao Choy Chih, Chao Jane, Chou Chung Yaw, P. Clover, Choi Ying, Chin Sang, Mrs. M. O. Foster, Messrs. G. H. Ferguson, Fong Hon, Geo. Glim Wray, Mrs. Geo. Shaw, Rev. B. Guando, Messrs. Hui Cho Fong, Hon. Sun Fat, Hon. Wing, Ho Ah Shek, Hon. Tung, R. B. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Irons, Messrs. John H. Krusman, J. Kyburt Kwong Wah Ling, Lee Jung, Mrs. Lee Shoo, Messrs. Lee Sing Yek, Leong Tak Fui, Louie Po Ohio, Lee Chow Lung, Leung Kwai Ngan, Lui Hong, Lui Nelm, Lee Chue Wai, Leung Chung Pui, Lee Kam Chuen, Miss Mar Fung Wah, Mr. Mar Nung Chuan, Miss Cami M. Mather, Messrs. Karl O. Neudinger, Ng Leo Cheng, On Bit Sheung, Oas A. Palia, Mrs. Pang Shes, Messrs. Quau Gun, Jose Robascoli, S. H. Rawl, Miss M. Rawl, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, Rev. T. Scarpio, Mrs. N. Thomas, Miss J. E. Thomas, Mrs. Tan Shoo, Mr. Teol Qing Fook, Mr. Ten Yan Teon, Mr. and Mrs. Volie Messrs. Wong Moon, Wong Yut, Wong See Wing, Wong Hea Nam, Wang Gite, Yee Glim Fong and Yu Kok Wah.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Nagasaki on Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. and left Nagasaki on Jan. 15 at 4 p.m. and is due at Kobe to-morrow at 2 p.m.

Last week, according to the official returns, 95 cases of small-pox were reported and there were 147 deaths from the disease. Thirty nine fresh cases were notified yesterday.

## Try This For Your Coughs.

A nervous hacking cough cannot be cured by a glass of water, but it will disappear under the healing and soothing effect of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Every one has a friend. It is for sale everywhere.

## FREEMASONRY.

## HOME NOTES.

LONDON, November 13.  
Within the past few days a writer has referred with pleasure to the distinct reappearance to a warm friendship between the American and English peoples which has been much emphasized within the past few weeks by various political happenings and outpourings in both countries. He points with pride to the fact that the whole ideal set forth in those utterances was voiced for English Freemasons and responded to by leading American Freemasons, a full five years ago, and there is quoted a striking address delivered by Dr. Joseph Fort Newton in 1918, in response to an appeal for a League of Masons, made by Sir Alfred Robbins. In striving to help forward a better Anglo-American friendship, Sir Alfred received letters of cordial acknowledgment and hearty appreciation from Dr. Walter Hines Page, Viscount Bryce, the Archbishop of York, and many others. It is certainly fitting to recall this striking episode in Anglo-American Freemasonry at a moment of growing kinship between the two nations and almost on the eve of Sir Alfred Robbins' visit to the Freemasons of the United States.

The Prince of Wales, who, in Scotland, is the Earl of Renfrew, has consented to accept honorary office in the Grand Lodge of Scotland and to attend an early quarterly communication in Edinburgh. Scotland, by the way, has been celebrating several Masonic jubilees. Lodge Renfrew, Prince of Wales, has just kept its diamond jubilee festival, which was attended by the Earl of Elgin, Grand Master Mason, and among other English visitors, by Sir Francis Lloyd. The original charter was granted to another lodge in 1777 and is still preserved in the lodge, but it was not until November, 1863, that the present charter under which the lodge works was granted.

The Earl of Elgin attended the jubilee celebration of Lodge St. John, Dalmeir, and in his address said that the annual increase in Scottish Masonic membership is something like 48,000. He was glad that its activities were not confined within the four walls and the tiled doors of lodge rooms. Lord Blythwood also pointed out that Freemasonry had played a great and honourable part in the history of their country. It did good quietly and encouraged men to help those less fortunate than themselves.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is keeping up its high educational standard, and the record of its achievements is certainly remarkable. In the recent Oxford and Cambridge higher certificate four entered and all passed. In the Cambridge School certificate, formerly known as the senior local, 39 entered and 38 passed, 13 with honours and five with distinction in French, English, history and drawing. Ten are entitled to complete exemption from the previous examination or "little-go" of the university and 10 have satisfied the requirements for London matriculation. Three boys have just passed the Inter B. Sc. examination at London University, two scholarships have been gained at Cambridge University, one at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, one at University College, Cardiff, one at Sheffield University, another boy has been awarded a travelling scholarship at Oxford University, a "double first" has been won by an old pupil at Cambridge, another a first in final honours in modern languages at Oxford, while another old pupil has gained both exhibition and scholarship at Cambridge, and yet another the associateship of the Imperial College of Science.

—D. W.

## THE STAR.

## "HIS MAJESTY THE AMERICAN."

Douglas Fairbanks has been voted, on several occasions, the most popular star now appearing on Hongkong screens, so that the announcement of his appearance at the Star in "His Majesty the American" will meet with general approval. In this picture Doug has a part of his usual happy-go-lucky type, and his stunts are as diverting as ever. Story is only a secondary consideration with the genial star. People go to see him, knowing that he will provide them with all kinds of opportunities to laugh.

It is safe to say that "His Majesty the American" will fully hold up the reputation the Star is acquiring for showing consistently good films.

## Lingering Coughs.

Bronchitis leaves a bad cough, so do influenza and a grippé, but three hours' lingering coughs yield easily to the healing and curative qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Good for trouble, some might cough too. For sale everywhere.

## NEW B. I. SHIP.

## FIRST TRIP TO CHINA.

Arriving in port yesterday was the new British-India s.s. "Talma," which was on its initial voyage from Calcutta to the Far East.

Those whose business has taken them on board will have noticed that this ship is more elaborately designed than predecessors in the same class. Practically all that modern science could do has been brought in to give of the best to passengers. Only recently launched, the "Talma" should prove a valuable addition to the B. I. service. She has a tonnage of 10,000 gross and the dimensions are 467 feet in length, 50½ feet in breadth and 40 feet in depth. She burns coal and is fitted with two funnels.

The "Talma" has spacious accommodation for first and second class passengers, and, in addition, arrangements have been made for the berthing of a large number of deck passengers in the upper and second 'tween decks. This steamer can accommodate 60 first class, 74 second class and about 3,000 deck passengers. A special feature for the convenience of deck passengers is that the 'tween decks are fitted with sleeping platforms. The first and second class cabins, as in the case of the other recent B. I. passenger steamers, are situated amidships on the promenade and bridge decks. Each cabin is comfortably fitted and has access by its own port hole or port holes to ample outside light and fresh air. In the first saloon there are one, two and three-berthed cabins, while the second saloon is fitted with three and four-berthed cabins.

Unusually spacious first and saloon promenade decks afford ample room for deck games, dancing, and other forms of exercise, or entertainments. The passenger accommodation generally, is characterised by comfort and coolness and is specially designed for conditions in the tropics. In the public rooms a restful scheme of interior decoration has been designed which will gratify the restrained taste of Eastern voyagers.

Steam is supplied by four cylindrical single-ended boilers working at a pressure of 215 lbs. under Howden's latest system of forced draught. Tompkin's steam purifier is fitted to the main steam connections. The machinery is designed to develop a power sufficient for a speed of 13 knots.

The steamer is fitted with wireless installation, with berths for three operators, situated in a house on the boat deck. There are also two hospitals, one in the fore end of the bridge 'tween decks, and an isolation hospital above the poop deck. Special rooms have been built for the purpose of carrying mails and specie.

The vessel is built to Lloyd's 100 A. 1 Class, and is constructed with straight stem and cruiser stern, with poop, bridge and forecastle decks and promenade and boat decks above bridge deck. Ten 5-ton derricks are fitted on derrick posts, ten steam winches are provided for the rapid handling of cargo, and a 25-ton derrick is fitted at the foremast for dealing with special cargo.

The Commander of the "Talma" is Capt. J. R. O'Sullivan; Chief Engineer, Mr. J. A. Cameron; and Chief Officer, Mr. J. Foreman.

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When influenza, malaria, dysentery, or other serious illness has laid you low, and you are in a debilitated condition and require building up, for which purpose nothing exists better than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

These Pills are a magnificent tonic, rapidly purifying, enriching and increasing the blood stream, at the same time revitalizing the nerves and giving renewed strength to all the organs of the body. In proof read the testimony of Mrs. J. A. McNeill, Bass River, Nova Scotia, who says:

"My daughter Beatrice was taken down with pneumonia, and following this did not seem to gain strength. She continued taking the doctor's medicine, but I decided to give her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From there were signs of improvement, and she continued the use of the Pills until she was able to go around again the picture of good health. I now advise all mothers with growing girls to give them these Pills. Equally health-restoring and strengthening for young and old of both sexes Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are a proved remedy for anaemia, nervous debility, indigestion, rheumatism and skin troubles, as well as for the characteristic ailments of the weaker sex. Of chemists, or post free 6/6 per bottle 4/6 for 6 bottles, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 50 N. Range Road, Shanghai.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 8 at p.m. and is due here to-day.

The B. I. s.s. "Warina" left Bangkok for this port on Jan. 7 at a.m. and is due here to-day.

The B. F. s.s. "Tyndarus" from Pacific Ports left Nagasaki daylight on Jan. 13 for this port and is due here to-day.

The B. F. s.s. "Peleus" for New York and Boston will be despatched at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pros. Madison" will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 p.m. on Jan. 17 and not at 10 a.m. as previously scheduled.

The B. F. s.s. "Agapenor" left Liverpool on Dec. 16 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Kobe and is due here on or about Jan. 17.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pros. McKinley" which is due at this port on Jan. 18, sailed from Seattle on Dec. 28, on schedule.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Capitum" sailed from Vancouver on Dec. 16 and is expected here on or about Jan. 20.

The B. F. s.s. "Phonius" left Liverpool on Dec. 21 for Penang, Port Swet, Hongkong, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Chemulpo and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 20.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Bakersfield" which is due at this port on Feb. 2, sailed from Seattle on Dec. 29 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Prometheus" left Liverpool on Dec. 22 for Singapore, Hongkong and Japan and is due here on or about Jan. 20.

The D. L. s.s. "President Harrison" which is due at this port on Feb. 4, sailed from San Francisco on Jan. 5 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Atrona" left Liverpool on Jan. 6 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Feb. 9.

The A.O.L. s.s. "West Henshaw" which is due at this port on or about Feb. 11 sailed from Seattle on Jan. 4.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "City of Canterbury" not cleared by to-day, will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Line Ltd.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Kumorie" not cleared by to-morrow will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Line Ltd.

Cargo arrived per m.s. "Transvaal" not cleared by Jan. 17 will be subject to rent. Agents—John Manners & Co., Ltd.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Benavon" not cleared by January 17 will be subject to rent. Agents—Gibb Livingston & Co., Ltd.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "West Carmona" not cleared by Jan. 21 will be subject to rent. Agents—Struther and Barry.

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Captain E. O. Miller, R.N., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on or about SUNDAY, 20th January, 1924, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valerian and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 10 A.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars apply to: MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1924.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 31st inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst. at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

## VESSELS DUE

## FROM NORTH CHINA.

Jan. 17.—J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.

## FROM BANGKOK.

Jan. 31.—E. A. Banks.

## FROM SHANGHAI.

Jan. 18.—J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.

## FROM SAIGON, S'PORE &amp; MANILA.

Jan. 25.—U.S.S.B. West Monlop.

## FROM JAPAN.

Jan. 26.—J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.

## FROM JAVA.

Jan. 17.—J.C.J.L. Tjikembang.

## FROM CALCUTTA.

Jan. 12.—B. I. Takeda.

## FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Feb. 1.—E. & A. Eastern.

Mar. 7.—E. & A. Amara.

Apr. 4.—E. & A. St. Albans.

May 2.—E. & A. Eastern.

## FROM SEATTLE, VANCOUVER

Etc.

Jan. 18.—A.O.L. Pros. McKinley.

18.—O.P.S. Pros. McKinley.

20.—A.O.L. Pros. McKinley.

30.—B. F. Pros. McKinley.

Feb. 11.—A.O.L. Pros. McKinley.

Mar. 18.—B. F. Pros. McKinley.

Apr. 9.—B. F. Pros. McKinley.

30.—B. F. Pros. McKinley.

May 23.—B. F. Pros. McKinley.

June 18.—B. F. Pros. McKinley.

July 16.—B. F. Pros. McKinley.

## FROM "FRISCO, HONOLULU, KOBE, S'HAU.

Feb. 2.—D. L. Pros. Hayes.

Mar. 1.—D. L. Pros. Hayes.

15.—D. L. Pros. Hayes.

29.—D. L. Pros. Hayes.

## FROM LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO.

Jan. 17.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

27.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

## FROM PORTLAND.

Jan. 17.—U.S.S.B. Hannawa.

24.—U.S.S.B. Montague.

## CROCKET &amp; JONES

## "HEALTH" SHOES





John D. Prince, of Los Angeles, has shown that he can kill frogs and then restore them to life with a chemical preparation. The experiments are being continued and are arousing great interest among physicians, who believe Prince may possibly work out a drug that is better than adrenalin in defying death.



The City of the Sacred Codfish faces an invasion by the hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan. F. Eugene Farnsworth, King Kludge of the Maine Klan, and nine of his hooded klanmen are shown here. They declare they are going to Boston thus garbed to beard Mayor Curley in his den at the City Hall. This photograph was taken at Rochester, New Hampshire, where the "invasion" of Boston was planned.



The above picture shows the wedding of Princess Maud, daughter of the Princess Royal and the late Duke of Fife, to Lord Carnegie, in the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London. The bride is a cousin of King George of England, who gave her away and who may be seen standing at the right of the bridal couple.



The above is an exclusive photograph of Captain G. A. Ingram, an Englishman, who married Mrs. Dorothy Park Caruso, widow of the tenor, Enrico Caruso. Their romance began at an English watering place, where Captain Ingram taught Mrs. Caruso to swim.



Lynch Davidson, of Houston, former Lieutenant-Governor of Texas, has thrown his hat into the ring for the nomination for Governor at the coming primaries and has issued a deft to the Ku Klux Klan, which is particularly strong in Texas, at the same time.



Held in jail in Cleveland, O., to await the outcome of the wounds he inflicted on Policeman Harry Dudley while resisting arrest, John Levanovich, only 17 years old, confessed he had held up fourteen men at different times, inspired by the reading of dime novels. The patrolman is expected to die, but the youth laughs at the visions of the death chair, as he proudly writes the names of his victims on the wall of his cell.



Mr. & Mrs. S. E. J. Cox and Dr. F. A. Cook.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn (N. Y.) doctor, whose claim that he discovered the North Pole was so thoroughly disproved by Admiral Peary, the real discoverer, has been sentenced to serve 14 years in a federal prison and to pay a fine of \$12,000 for fraudulent dealings in oil stock in Fort Worth, Texas. The trial judge flayed him in delivering the sentence. S. E. J. Cox, another promoter, whose hobby was aeroplane flying and who built a machine to compete in the James Gordon Bennett Cup races in France a few years ago, was sentenced to 8 years and to pay a fine of \$8,000. Cox's wife started the country a few years ago by calling an "aeroplane taxi" in Texas to take her to New York on a shopping tour.



Zev, Harry F. Sinclair's wonderful three-year-old, who met My Own, Admiral Cary Grayson's sterling colt, in a match race at the Bowie Track, near Baltimore on November 28. The race was a mile and a quarter, for a stake of \$30,000, of which the track posts \$10,000 and each of the owners an additional \$10,000. Carl Wiedemann, owner of In Memoriam, had been invited to enter his horse.



Prince Felix Youssouppoff and wife.

Prince Felix Youssouppoff and his wife, of the Russian nobility, are soon to arrive in New York as the guests of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr. His wife was Princess Irene, daughter of Grand Duke Alexander, cousin of the late Czar Nicholas. Prince Felix was the leader of the band of young nobles who decided to do away with the treacherous monk, Rasputin, who held the Czar and the Czarina under his mystic spell. The monk was invited to the Youssouppoff Palace, in Petrograd, where poison was mixed with his wine. The poison failed to work, and Prince Felix fired six bullets into his body, which was then thrown through a hole in the ice on the River Neva. For his share in the killing the Prince was banished from court and interned in his country estate until the overthrow of the Czar.



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